

ORDER

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: FLIGHT STANDARDS OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECOMMENDATION AWARDS PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE. This order revises the Eastern Region Flight Standards Division (FSD) Outstanding Safety Recommendation Awards Program criteria, policy, guidance, and implementation.
2. DISTRIBUTION. This order is distributed to Operations, Airworthiness, Avionics, Cabin Safety Inspectors and Accident Prevention Program Managers, including Managers and Supervisors in all FSDO's and IFO's in the Eastern Region.
3. CANCELLATION. Order EA FS 3450.1 is hereby canceled.
4. GENERAL INFORMATION. This program is intended to encourage all Aviation Safety Inspectors in Flight Standards in the Eastern Region to submit recommendations to improve safety in aviation. Recommendations should have broad implications, which are usually applicable to the entire aviation community rather than to an individual operator. Included in this program are recommendations made for an Accident Prevention, an Airworthiness Directive, a Regulations change, a Flight Standards Bulletin, a Handbook revision, an Order/Notice, a change to an Advisory Circular, for Accident Prevention, a Manufacturer's Service Bulletin, a Policy change or any other recommendation to enhance safety in aviation.
5. ELIGIBILITY. All Operations, Airworthiness, Avionics, Cabin Safety Inspectors and Accident Prevention Program Managers in the Eastern Region FSDO's, below the Supervisory level, are eligible to participate in the Safety Recommendations Awards Program. Managers, Supervisors and committee or group recommendations are counted toward selection of the FSDO award only. Inspectors are not restricted to making recommendations within their own specialty.
6. AWARD CRITERIA. Awards will be based on the significance and the potential impact of the recommendation on aviation safety. The potential impact may be within the FAA or the aviation industry. It may concern a policy or program that could be improved, or an inspection or modification to an aircraft, or a change to a flight procedure or MEL. Anything that will enhance aviation safety will be considered. The recommendation does not necessarily have to be adopted to receive an award.

7. AWARD CATEGORIES. The following award categories are established:

a. FSD Manager's, Operation Award - The outstanding safety recommendation made by an Inspector in the Region to enhance safety in aviation, in the operations arena, during the fiscal year.

b. FSD Manager's, Airworthiness Award - The outstanding safety recommendation made by an Inspector in the Region to enhance safety in aviation, in the airworthiness arena, during the fiscal year.

c. FSD Manager's Award, Flight Standards District Office - The FSDO that submitted the greatest number of outstanding recommendations to enhance safety in aviation during the fiscal year.

8. PROCEDURE. In order to have a safety recommendation considered for an award, it must be forwarded through the appropriate Regional Operations or Maintenance section of the Technical Branch. Safety recommendations submitted under the "FAA Employee Suggestion" program, in accordance with Order 3450.73 will not be eligible for an award under this program. The FSAS National Data Base is queried, under Safety Improvement Report, using the Activity codes 1965, 3960 and 5960 to see if any recommendations were made that would be considered eligible for this program. (Note - when a recommendation is made, an entry should be entered in the PTRS data base)

8. REVIEW AND SELECTION PANELS. The Technical Branch, AEA-230 will convene a selection panel to review their respective submissions after the completion of the fiscal year to determine the Award recipients, with the concurrence of the award recipient's FSDO management. The recommendations will be evaluated based on value and relevance to improve safety.

9. AWARDS. One award will be given in each category in a fiscal year. Inspectors who win the award will receive a Superior Accomplishment Award with a financial remuneration, in addition to a plaque of recognition from the Division Manager. FSDOs who win the award will receive a plaque of recognition from the Division Manager.

10. DISPLAY. A plaque entitled, "In Recognition of the FSDO in the Eastern Region that Contributed the Greatest Number of recommendations to Enhance Safety in Aviation During the Fiscal Year," showing the annual FSDO award recipients, will be displayed in the Division Manager's office.

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